## ALABAMA BOARD OF MASSAGE THERAPY



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## **Board Meeting Summary**

The Alabama Board of Massage Therapy met today to conduct quarterly business. With all new appointments to the Board, it began with Keith Warren conducting the Oath of Office to everyone, collectively, to officially begin their service. An election of officers was conducted with Foad Araiinejad elected as Board Chair and Stephanie Dobbins elected as Vice-Chair. Under the circumstances of this virtual meeting, Chair Araiinejad yielded to Mr. Warren to continue presiding over the meeting.

## Overview of quarterly business:

- 1) Approval of the January 10, 2020 Minutes
- 2) Approval of the Executive Director's Report
- 3) Approval of Two Consent Agreements
- 4) Discussion of Board Orientation and Handouts
- 5) Adoption of Emergency Rule
- 6) Approval of Applications

Mr. Warren presented Emergency Rule 532-X-9-.01 Emergency Authority of the Executive Director During COVID-19 State of Emergency to approve or deny applications for licensure as massage therapists, continuing education providers, massage therapy schools and massage therapy instructors. This will ensure that applications are considered for licensure in a timely manner during the State of Emergency. The Board is aware that massage therapists and massage therapy establishments are specifically named in the State Health Officer's Order suspending these services during the COVID-19 State of Emergency, but the Board wanted to ensure that applications are approved accordingly so these individuals will be prepared and ready to work when the State of Emergency is lifted.

The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for Friday, July 10, 2020. There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Please contact Keith Warren, Executive Director, should you have any questions related to the meeting today. Mr. Warren's contact information is 334-420-7233 or keith@alstateboard.com.